ARTICLE IV

POWERS

Without limitation this Association is empowered to:

- (a) <u>Declaration</u>. Exercise all rights, powers, privileges, and perform all duties of this Association set forth in that certain Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Panther Trace Townhomes (hereinafter called the "Declaration") applicable to the Properties and recorded or to be recorded in the Public Records of Hillsborough County, Florida, and as the same may be amended from time to time as therein provided, said Declaration being incorporated herein as if set forth in full;
- (b) <u>Property</u>. In any lawful manner, acquire, own, hold, improve, manage, operate, maintain, repair, replace, operate, convey, sell, lease, transfer, assign, and otherwise dispose of property of any nature whatsoever, real, personal, or mixed, tangible or intangible, in connection with this Association's affairs;
- (c) <u>Assessments</u>. Fix, levy, collect, and enforce by any lawful means all charges or assessments established by, or pursuant to, the Declaration; and to use and expend the proceeds of assessments in the exercise of its powers and duties hereunder;
- (d) <u>Costs</u>. Pay all costs, expenses, and obligations lawfully incurred in connection with this Association's affairs including, without limitation, all licenses, taxes, or other governmental charges levied or imposed against this Association's property;
- (e) <u>Borrowing</u>. Borrow money and, with the approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the members, mortgage, pledge, deed in trust, hypothecate, assign, grant security interests in, or otherwise transfer any or all of its property as security for money borrowed, debts incurred, or any of its other obligations;
- (f) <u>Dedications</u>. With the approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the members, dedicate, sell or transfer all or any part of its property to any public agency, authority, or utility;
- (g) <u>Mergers</u>. With the approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the members, participate
 in mergers and consolidations with other non-profit corporations organized for similar
 purposes;
 - (h) Rules. From time to time adopt, alter, amend, rescind, and enforce

reasonable rules and regulations governing the use of the Lots and Common Area (as those terms are defined in the Declaration) consistent with the rights and duties established by the Declaration and these Articles;

- (i) <u>General</u>. Have and exercise all common law rights, powers, and privileges and those that a corporation not for profit may now or hereafter have or exercise under the laws of the State of Florida, together with all other rights, powers, and privileges reasonably to be implied from the existence of any right, power, or privilege so granted, or granted by the Declaration or these Articles, or reasonably necessary to effectuate the exercise of any right, power, or privilege so granted;
- (j) <u>Enforcement</u>. To enforce by legal means the obligations of the members of this Association and the provisions of the Declaration;
 - (k) <u>Litigation</u>. To sue or be sued;
- (l) <u>Surface Water Management</u>. Operate and maintain the surface water management system facilities, including all inlets, ditches, swales, culverts, water control structures, retention and detention areas, ponds, lakes, flood plain compensation areas, wetlands and any associated buffer areas, and wetland mitigation areas, and to contract for services for operation and maintenance of the surface water management system facilities of the Properties;
 - (m) Other. Engage in all lawful acts permitted or authorized by law.

ARTICLE V

MEMBERSHIP

Every person who from time to time holds the record fee simple title to, or any undivided fee simple interest in, any Lot (as defined in the Declaration)) that is subject to the provisions of the Declaration is a member of this Association, including contract sellers, but excluding all other persons who hold any interest in any Lot merely as security for the performance of an obligation. An Owner of more than one Lot is entitled to one membership for each Lot owned. Membership is appurtenant to, and may not be separated from, ownership of a Lot that is subject to the provisions of the Declaration, and membership may not be transferred other than by transfer of title to such Lot. Each membership is transferred automatically by record conveyance or other transfer of title of a Lot.